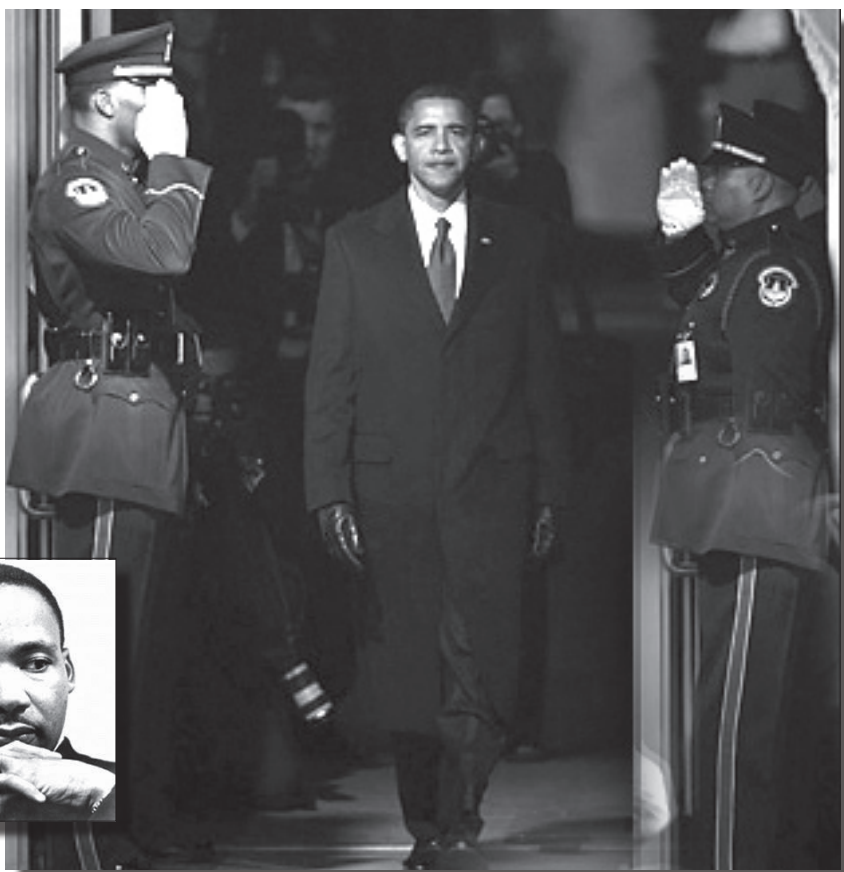


Black History Month 2009



The Elements of Hope: Yes We Can!

Montgomery County Government

Wednesday, February 4, 11:45 am - 1:30 pm

Will We Allow History to Repeat Itself on Our Watch? Sponsored by Montgomery County's AAEA. Guest lecturer Ms. Roxanne Lawson, Director of Africa Policy at TransAfrica Forum, will speak about colonialism and the nuances of exploitation under neocolonialism on the continent of Africa. EOB Lobby Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville. Please pre-register. Call Yvonne Baskerville, 240-777-3955.

Wednesday, February 4, 7-9 pm

Black History Month Kickoff: The Elements of Hope...Yes We Can! Montgomery County Isiah Leggett and the Office of Community Partnerships host their annual kickoff celebration. Key-note Speaker: The Reverend Donell Peterman, The Joshua Group Ministries. Community choirs, student orators, steppers, dancers and award presentation. Call Tina Clarke, 240-777-2523.

Thursday, February 12, 2-4 pm

Heritage and Horizons: the African American Legacy and the Challenges for the 21st Century. Keynote speaker: Kurt Schmoke, current Dean of the School of Law at Howard University and the former Mayor of Baltimore City. Featuring the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Gospel Choir. EOB Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville. Call Robyn Simmons, 240-777-1293.

Monday, February 23, 5-7 pm

Maryland's Mockingbird Case. The Juvenile Section of the Montgomery County Circuit Court hosts this special event commemorating the historic Giles-Johnson case. In 1961, three African-American defendants were convicted of raping a young white girl in Spencerville and sentenced to death. After many years of legal and community appeals for racial justice, the men were exonerated. Listen to firsthand accounts of the case from Judge Andrew Sonner, Moderator American University Law School professor Angela Jordan Davis and other panelists. Call 240-777-9415.

Montgomery County Public Schools

Monday, February 2, 7 pm

Northwest High School Auditorium. Students and staff from Northwest High School (and other parts of the Montgomery County School System) share the stage and present "I am Color". Come listen to the melodious sounds of gospel, jazz and Motown and be transported back in time to the Harlem Renaissance, capturing your mind, body and soul. Call 301-601-4660.

Montgomery County Public Libraries

In celebration of Black History Month during February, Montgomery County Public Libraries will host a variety of programs of interest to the public at branches throughout the county according to the following schedule:

February 1-28. The African American Book Discussion Group at Rockville Library is displaying books, posters and information about President-Elect Barack Obama. First floor lobby display cases. Family. Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave. 240-777-0140.

Tuesday, February 3. African American Book Group Discussion of "The Bond: Three Young Men Learn to Forgive and Reconnect With Their Fathers" by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt (aka. The Three Doctors). Books available at information desk. Adults. 7 p.m. Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pk., Burtonsville. 240-773-9460.

Wednesday, February 4. African American Book Group Discussion of "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl" by Linda Brent. Books available at information desk. Adults. 7 p.m. Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Rd. 240-773-9420.

Thursday, February 5. Quince Orchard Library's African American Book Group will discuss "Finding Oprah's Roots: Finding Your Own" by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Book documents the process of finding talk show host Oprah Winfrey's family history and shares resources on how to find documentation during and after slavery. Books available at information desk. Adults. 7 p.m. Quince Orchard Library, 15831 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg. 240-777-0200.

Saturday, February 7. Master Storyteller and drummer Baba Jamal Koran brings storytelling alive with history, humor, music and lore of Africa and African American cultures. Family. 2 pm Quince Orchard Library, 15831 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg. 240-777-0200.

Saturday, February 7. Soul in Motion Inc. shares the richness of African American culture through African drumming and dance. All ages. 3 p.m. Germantown Library, 19840 Century Blvd. 240-777-0110.

Tuesday, February 10. African American Book Discussion. "Measure of a Man" by Sidney Poitier. Copies available at check-out desk. Adults. 7 p.m. White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. 240-773-9555.

Thursday, February 12. African American Book Group Discussion of "Miracle at St. Anna" by James McBride. Books available at Information Desk. Adults. 7 p.m. Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave. 240-777-0678.

Saturday, February 14. Soprano Devonna Rowe sings a variety of songs from the rich African American tradition. Adults & children ages 4 & up. 2 p.m. Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. 240-777-0240.

Tuesday, February 17. The Damascus Book Discussion Group for Adults will discuss "The Senator and the Socialite: The True Story of America's First Black Dynasty" by Lawrence Graham. Copies of the book available at check-out desk. 7:00 p.m. Adults and seniors. Damascus Library, 9701 Main St. 240-773-9444.

Tuesday, February 17. Read and discuss "Brother, I'm Dying" by Edwidge Danticat with the Silver Spring Library Book Discussion Group. "From the age of four, Danticat came to think of her uncle Joseph, a charismatic pastor, as her 'second father,' when she was placed in his care after her parents left Haiti for a better life in America...And so she experiences a jumble of emotions when, at twelve, she joins her parents in New York City." 7:30 p.m. Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Rd. 240-773-9420.

Thursday, February 19. The African American Book Discussion Group of Rockville Library will discuss "Sula" by Toni Morrison. First floor meeting room. 18 years & older. 6-8 p.m. 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. 240-777-0001. Contact Dianne Betsey at 240-777-0078.

Tuesday, February 24. Book discussion of Ron Suskind's "A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League." Discussion led by Kenneth Lewis, Little Falls Library Agency Manager. Adults. 11 a.m. Kensington Park Library, 4201 Knowles Ave. 240-773-9515.

Wednesday, February 25. Book Discussion of "Dreams from My Father" by President-Elect Barack Obama. Books available at the Information Desk. Registration required. Adults. 2:30 p.m. Chevy Chase Library, 8005 Connecticut Ave. 240-773-9590.

Thursday, February 26. Quince Orchard Library's Librarian's Choice Book Group will discuss "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry. The play received the New York Drama Critics Circle Award in 1959 for its honest and raw portrayal of an African American family struggling with racism and poverty on the south side of Chicago. Books available at the Information Desk. Adults. 7:30 p.m. Quince Orchard Library, 15831 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg. 240-777-0200.

Saturday, February 28. The Holy Harmony Gospel Quartet, (locally based), will perform traditional African American gospel selections. All ages. 3 p.m. Partially funded by the Friends of the Library, Germantown Chptr. Germantown Library, 19840 Century Blvd. 240-777-0110.

Saturday, February 28. Storyteller Barbara Spears presents traditional African American stories and folktales for children seven years and up. 11 a.m. Kensington Park Library, 4201 Knowles Ave. 240-773-9515.

To request ADA program accommodations, at least five work days in advance, or to receive more information, call the library hosting the program.



***Rosa sat . . . so Martin could walk.
Martin walked . . . so Obama could run.
Obama ran . . . so our children can fly!***